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Please note that the enclosed Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-119128 is discussed on page 2 of the specification.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,572,466 which is the English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-119128.

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